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Dear David Pearlmutter,

Thanks for the thoughtfulness of the stamped envelope.

I've walked the road you suggest. If there is always the chance that retracing the steps may lead to something, if I did that endlessly I'd do nothing else. In fact, I was to have been sent a letter by one of those you list a week ago Friday and it has not come yet.

My opinion of Big Brother and the Holding Company is that it is lousy. Most of that gang are nuts making it up as they go.

Maybe there is a new angle of Ruby in SF but I doubt it. That he was there is reported. Only the angle can be new. It will be a pleasant surprise if it turns out to be rational.

No fear of simultaneous submissions.

And there is nothing wrong with them if it is specified.

Try waiting four months for an answer and you'll know what I mean.

There are basic problems. Oneis that publishers go for the superficial, the inaccurate for which they do not fear retribution, and the commercial trash.

Agents really won't touch solid stuff on this subject.

I may write Kilpatrick. If ix I can find some clear time!

Mostly I ignore these columns, even when they refer to me. However, his has a different tone and there is something in it on which I can sieze.

Thanks much,